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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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- This communication is responsive to RCE and IDS filed 6/23/08.
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-37 (now renumbered 1-22,26,23-25&27-37, respectively).
- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/23/08 has been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-37 are allowable over the prior art of record.
3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 1, the invention relates to data transfer and storage devices, including a hand-held, battery-powered, portable device for transferring data between, for example, a flash memory module used in conjunction with a digital camera or audio device and a mass-storage device.

The closest references Saito et al (US 6,256,063) teach an electronic still camera which uses a memory card, and an image signal processing apparatus which comprises

a laptop computer which uses the electronic still camera and the memory card, a personal data terminal (PDA), and a host computer such as an electronic notebook, and Endsley et al (US 6,005,613) teach the field of electronic photography, including a digital camera capable of interfacing with a computer.

However, Saito et al and Endsley et al fail to explicitly teach a portable, hand-held, digital camera picture image data transfer and repository device embodied in a housing connectable to both a removable memory module and a user's notebook or desktop computer and which is of a size which can be held in a user's palm, for use in transferring image data between a removable digital memory module and a user's computer, where the device further comprises a mass storage device operatively coupled to receive and store picture image data from a digital camera memory module inserted into the memory input port and for storing the image data, the mass storage device having at least one gigabyte of storage and being accessible for downloading the image data to a user's computer and processing circuitry for controlling the transfer of data stored in the digital camera memory module inserted into the memory input port to the mass storage device, the processing circuitry being operable responsive to a user's actuation of the control button to initiate a copy operation and to verify that the copy operation has been correctly performed, the processing circuitry being operable in response to a user input to change a name associated with the digital structure.

Furthermore, the documents cited in the new IDS filed on 6/23/08 fail to explicitly teach a portable, hand-held, digital camera picture image data transfer and repository device embodied in a housing connectable to both a removable memory module and a

user's notebook or desktop computer and which is of a size which can be held in a user's palm, for use in transferring image data between a removable digital memory module and a user's computer, where the device further comprises a mass storage device operatively coupled to receive and store picture image data from a digital camera memory module inserted into the memory input port and for storing the image data, the mass storage device having at least one gigabyte of storage and being accessible for downloading the image data to a user's computer and processing circuitry for controlling the transfer of data stored in the digital camera memory module inserted into the memory input port to the mass storage device, the processing circuitry being operable responsive to a user's actuation of the control button to initiate a copy operation and to verify that the copy operation has been correctly performed, the processing circuitry being operable in response to a user input to change a name associated with the digital structure.

4. Regarding claim 11, the invention relates to data transfer and storage devices, including a hand-held, battery-powered, portable device for transferring data between, for example, a flash memory module used in conjunction with a digital camera or audio device and a mass-storage device.

The closest references Saito et al (US 6,256,063) teach an electronic still camera which uses a memory card, and an image signal processing apparatus which comprises a laptop computer which uses the electronic still camera and the memory card, a personal data terminal (PDA), and a host computer such as an electronic notebook, and

Endsley et al (US 6,005,613) teach the field of electronic photography, including a digital camera capable of interfacing with a computer.

However, Saito et al and Endsley et al fail to explicitly teach a portable, hand-held, general purpose, digital transfer and repository device embodied in a housing connectable to both a removable memory module and a user's notebook or desktop computer and which is of a size which can be held in a user's palm, for use in transferring image data between a removable flash memory module and a user's computer, where the device further comprises a mass storage device contained within the hand-held housing and operatively coupled to receive and store data from the digital memory module, the mass storage device having at least one gigabyte of storage and being accessible for data transfer between the portable repository device and a user's computer, and a RISC-based processor contained within the hand-held housing for controlling the transfer of data stored in the digital memory module to the mass storage device, the RISC-based processor being operable in response to a user's actuation of the at least one user operable button to change a name associated with the digital structure.

Furthermore, the documents cited in the IDS filed 6/23/08 fail to explicitly teach a portable, hand-held, general purpose, digital transfer and repository device embodied in a housing connectable to both a removable memory module and a user's notebook or desktop computer and which is of a size which can be held in a user's palm, for use in transferring image data between a removable flash memory module and a user's computer, where the device further comprises a mass storage device contained within

the hand-held housing and operatively coupled to receive and store data from the digital memory module, the mass storage device having at least one gigabyte of storage and being accessible for data transfer between the portable repository device and a user's computer, and a RISC-based processor contained within the hand-held housing for controlling the transfer of data stored in the digital memory module to the mass storage device, the RISC-based processor being operable in response to a user's actuation of the at least one user operable button to change a name associated with the digital structure.

5. Regarding claim 19, the invention relates to data transfer and storage devices, including a hand-held, battery-powered, portable device for transferring data between, for example, a flash memory module used in conjunction with a digital camera or audio device and a mass-storage device.

The closest references Saito et al (US 6,256,063) teach an electronic still camera which uses a memory card, and an image signal processing apparatus which comprises a laptop computer which uses the electronic still camera and the memory card, a personal data terminal (PDA), and a host computer such as an electronic notebook, and Endsley et al (US 6,005,613) teach the field of electronic photography, including a digital camera capable of interfacing with a computer.

However, Saito et al and Endsley et al fail to explicitly disclose a portable, hand-held, digital camera picture image data transfer and repository device embodied in a housing connectable to both a removable memory module and a user's notebook or

desktop computer and which is of a size which can be held in a user's palm, for use in transferring image data between a removable digital memory module and a user's computer, where the device further comprises a mass storage device operatively coupled to receive and store picture image data from a digital memory module inserted into the memory input port and for storing the image data, the mass storage device having at least one gigabyte of storage and being accessible for downloading the image data to a user's computer, a RISC-based processor for controlling the transfer of data stored in the digital camera memory inserted into the memory input port to the mass storage device, the RISC-based processor being responsive to a user's actuation of the control button to initiate a copy operation and to verify that the copy operation has been correctly performed, and the RISC based processor being operable in response to a user input to change a name associated with the digital data structure.

Furthermore, the documents cited in the new IDS filed on 6/23/08 fail to explicitly disclose a portable, hand-held, digital camera picture image data transfer and repository device embodied in a housing connectable to both a removable memory module and a user's notebook or desktop computer and which is of a size which can be held in a user's palm, for use in transferring image data between a removable digital memory module and a user's computer, where the device further comprises a mass storage device operatively coupled to receive and store picture image data from a digital memory module inserted into the memory input port and for storing the image data, the mass storage device having at least one gigabyte of storage and being accessible for downloading the image data to a user's computer, a RISC-based processor for

controlling the transfer of data stored in the digital camera memory inserted into the memory input port to the mass storage device, the RISC-based processor being responsive to a user's actuation of the control button to initiate a copy operation and to verify that the copy operation has been correctly performed, and the RISC based processor being operable in response to a user input to change a name associated with the digital data structure.

6. Regarding claim 28, the invention relates to data transfer and storage devices, including a hand-held, battery-powered, portable device for transferring data between, for example, a flash memory module used in conjunction with a digital camera or audio device and a mass-storage device.

The closest references Saito et al (US 6,256,063) teach an electronic still camera which uses a memory card, and an image signal processing apparatus which comprises a laptop computer which uses the electronic still camera and the memory card, a personal data terminal (PDA), and a host computer such as an electronic notebook, and Endsley et al (US 6,005,613) teach the field of electronic photography, including a digital camera capable of interfacing with a computer.

However, Saito et al and Endsley et al fail to explicitly disclose a portable, hand-held, digital camera picture image data transfer and repository device embodied in a housing connectable to both a removable memory module and a user's notebook or desktop computer and which is of a size which can be held in a user's palm, for use in transferring image data between a removable digital memory module and a user's

computer, where the device further comprises a mass storage device operatively coupled to receive and store picture image data from a digital memory module inserted into the memory input port and for storing the image data, the mass storage device having at least one gigabyte of storage and being accessible for downloading the image data to a user's computer, a RISC-based processor being operable to access information from diverse kinds of digital camera memory modules and for controlling the transfer of data stored in a digital camera memory inserted into the memory input port to the mass storage device, the RISC-based processor being responsive to a user's selection of a copy operation to initiate a copy operation and to verify that the copy operation has been correctly performed, the RISC based processor being operable in ran image preview mode for controlling the display of digital camera image data to thereby enable a user to preview the digital camera image data, and the RISC-based processor being operable in response to a user input to change a name associated with at least one digital data structure associated with a flash memory digital camera storage device.

Furthermore, the documents cited in the new IDS filed on 6/23/08 fail to explicitly disclose a portable, hand-held, digital camera picture image data transfer and repository device embodied in a housing connectable to both a removable memory module and a user's notebook or desktop computer and which is of a size which can be held in a user's palm, for use in transferring image data between a removable digital memory module and a user's computer, where the device further comprises a mass storage device operatively coupled to receive and store picture image data from a digital

memory module inserted into the memory input port and for storing the image data, the mass storage device having at least one gigabyte of storage and being accessible for downloading the image data to a user's computer, a RISC-based processor being operable to access information from diverse kinds of digital camera memory modules and for controlling the transfer of data stored in a digital camera memory inserted into the memory input port to the mass storage device, the RISC-based processor being responsive to a user's selection of a copy operation to initiate a copy operation and to verify that the copy operation has been correctly performed, the RISC based processor being operable in ran image preview mode for controlling the display of digital camera image data to thereby enable a user to preview the digital camera image data, and the RISC-based processor being operable in response to a user input to change a name associated with at least one digital data structure associated with a flash memory digital camera storage device.

7. Regarding claim 33, the invention relates to data transfer and storage devices, including a hand-held, battery-powered, portable device for transferring data between, for example, a flash memory module used in conjunction with a digital camera or audio device and a mass-storage device.

The closest references Saito et al (US 6,256,063) teach an electronic still camera which uses a memory card, and an image signal processing apparatus which comprises a laptop computer which uses the electronic still camera and the memory card, a personal data terminal (PDA), and a host computer such as an electronic notebook, and

Endsley et al (US 6,005,613) teach the field of electronic photography, including a digital camera capable of interfacing with a computer.

However, Saito et al and Endsley et al fail to explicitly disclose a method of operating a portable, hand-held, digital camera picture image data transfer and repository device embodied in a housing connectable to both a removable memory module and a user's notebook or desktop computer and which is of a size which can be held in a user's palm, a mass storage device having at least one gigabyte of storage and operatively coupled to receive and store image data from a digital camera memory module inserted into the memory input port , a RISC-based processor, at least one user-operated button, and an LCD display for displaying digital camera image data, where the method further comprises initiating under the control of the RISC-based processor in response to a user's selection of a copy operation, the transfer of data stored in a digital camera module inserted into the memory input port to the mass storage device and changing a name of a digital data structure in response to a user operation.

Furthermore, the documents cited in the new IDS filed on 6/23/08 fail to explicitly disclose a method of operating a portable, hand-held, digital camera picture image data transfer and repository device embodied in a housing connectable to both a removable memory module and a user's notebook or desktop computer and which is of a size which can be held in a user's palm, a mass storage device having at least one gigabyte of storage and operatively coupled to receive and store image data from a digital camera memory module inserted into the memory input port , a RISC-based processor,

at least one user-operated button, and an LCD display for displaying digital camera image data, where the method further comprises initiating under the control of the RISC-based processor in response to a user's selection of a copy operation, the transfer of data stored in a digital camera module inserted into the memory input port to the mass storage device and changing a name of a digital data structure in response to a user operation.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRISTOPHER ONUAKU whose telephone number is (571)272-7379. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on 571-272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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